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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Morag et al.
Serial No. : 10/017,165
Filed: December 14, 2002
Title: A MESSAGE AND PROGRAM SYSTEM SUPPORTING COMMUNICATION

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Request for Declaration of Interference between Applications (37 CFR § 1.603)

Petitioner requests that an interference be declared between two pending patent application as follows:

1. Petitioner is the assignee of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/017,165 (the "165" application), filed December 14, 2001. This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/394,341, filed September 13, 1999.

2. Petitioner requests the declaration of an interference between the "165" application and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/037,219 (the "219 application"), filed 20 April 2001. Based upon priority, Petitioner is the senior party.

3. Petitioner presents the following proposed count:

Count 1. A method of providing professional services, the method comprising the following performed by a data processing system: accepting entry of information associated with a matter of a person, wherein the information is entered via a client device in communication with the data processing system; assigning the person to one of a plurality of pools of people based on the entered information; allowing a professional services provider qualified to advise people in the assigned pool to view the entered information; and providing a secure area within which the professional services provider provides information about the matter, wherein the secure area is accessible by the person via the client device.

4. Claim 1 in the '165 application corresponds *verbatim* to Count 1.

5. Claim 1 in the '219 application corresponds *verbatim* to the proposed Count 1.

6. An interference should be declared because the '165 application and the '219 application both define the same invention.

7. Please charge all fees to Deposit Account No. 07-1445.

8. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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